GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRINKING WATER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several drinking water projects of Uttar Pradesh are pending with the Government for special assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly those pertaining to Garhwal Mandal of the State; and

(c) the details of such projects completed recently in the rural areas of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a), (b) & (c): As far as rural drinking water supply is concerned, there is no project proposal of Uttar Pradesh pending with the Government of India for World Bank assistance.However, Uttar Pradesh Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (SWAJAL), costing approximately US $ 71 million, covering 1100 villages in 19 districts (including Garhwal region) is under implementation in the State with World Bank loan to the tune of US$ 52.4 million (revised).The project commenced in 1996 and is likely to be completed in 2002.
As regards urban water supply, Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted a project proposal for water supply, sewerage & solid waste management in 15 big cities of Uttar Pradesh, namely, Bareilly, Dehradun, Jhansi, Meerut, Nainital, Allahabad, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Moradabad, Roorkee, Shahjahanpur, Shaktinagar S.A.D. and Varanasi, at a total estimated cost of Rs.2448.78 crores to the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India for seeking external assistance from any suitable donor agency. Since external assistance from the World Bank would be time consuming and there is no certainty that the World Bank would ultimately agree to fund the project proposal, the Ministry of Urban Development has advised the State Government to consider the option of availing the Asia Development Bank (ADB) line of credit availableunder the Urban Environmental Infrastructure Facility Project.